

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 – 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (New). A vacuum head device for removal of liquid from a fabric, the device comprising:

- a leading portion coupled to the device and configured to penetrate the fabric;
- a trailing portion coupled to the device and configured to penetrate the fabric; and
- an extraction slot formed by the leading portion and trailing portion.

wherein the leading portion comprises a plurality of channels extending from a leading surface of the leading portion to a trailing surface of the leading portion.

Claim 11 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the cross section of the leading portion is V-shaped.

Claim 12 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the cross section of the trailing portion is V-shaped.

Claim 13 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the cross section of the leading portion is substantially circular.

Claim 14 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the cross section of the trailing portion is substantially circular.

Claim 15 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of contact points disposed between the channels configured to apply pressure to the fabric.

Claim 16 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the fabric is carpet.

Claim 17 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the leading portion is smaller than the trailing portion.

Claim 18 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the trailing portion is configured to penetrate the fabric deeper than any other portion of the device.

Claim 19 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the plurality of channels comprise generally rounded profiles.

Claim 20 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 15, wherein the contact points are generally semi-circular.

Claim 21 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the leading portion comprises a rod-shaped member.

Claim 22 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the trailing portion is a rod.

Claim 23 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the extraction slot extends the entire width of the device.

Claim 24 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, further comprising a sloping member configured to facilitate travel of the device across the fabric.

Claim 25 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 11, wherein the leading portion is smaller than the trailing portion and the trailing portion is configured to penetrate the fabric deeper than any other portion of the device, wherein the device further comprises:

a plurality of contact points disposed between the channels configured to apply pressure to the fabric, wherein the contact points are generally semi-circular and the channels are generally rounded; and

a sloping member configured to facilitate travel of the device across the fabric.

Claim 26 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 25, wherein the leading portion and the trailing portion each form a V-shaped cross section.

Claim 27 (New). The vacuum head device of claim 25, wherein the leading portion and the trailing portion each form a generally circular cross section.